

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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**CRM-M-28501-2021
Date of Decision: 12.11.2021**

HARPREET SINGH BAHAD

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Manaise, Advocate and
Mr. Charanjit Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S.Multani, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Shekhar Verma, Advocate
for the complainant.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Through this petition, the petitioner seeks regular bail in case bearing FIR No.03 dated 07.01.2021, registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 of IPC, at Police Station Division No.7, District Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is the real brother of the complainant; that the allegation against the petitioner is that he had forged a Will dated 08.04.1993 of the maternal grandfather-Sarup Singh Chauhan (Nana) executed in favour of Gurmeet Kaur Bahad; that the complainant has also filed a civil suit, which is pending adjudication qua the aforesaid Will and that the petitioner has been in custody since 10.06.2021.

On the other hand, while opposing the prayer for grant of regular bail to the petitioner, learned State counsel assisted by learned counsel for the

complainant, has not disputed the custody period of the petitioner. He, however, submits that the petitioner is a person of criminal antecedents, inasmuch as, there are other FIRs also registered against the petitioner for forging the Wills of other family members. He further submits that post presentation of the challan, the charges are yet to be framed.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has been in custody since 10.06.2021. Charges are yet to be framed. Qua the authenticity of the Will in question, a civil suit is already pending adjudication before the learned trial Court. Trial of the case would take time to conclude. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the petitioner behind the bars.

In view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits, lest it should prejudice the case of either side, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his furnishing bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court/Duty Magistrate.

12.11.2021

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

: *Yes/No*

Whether reportable

: **Yes/No**